



Minute board meeting 11:11 am – 1.29:p.m. 6 September 2011, North Melbourne

PRESENT: Niel Black, Tony O'Shea (Chairman), David Dinning, Shirley Farm and David Griffiths (Secretary)

APOLOGIES: Rowan Dowland, Diane Batterham and Linda Seaborn

## **1. Minute**

That the minute of the board meeting of 5 July 2011 be accepted as a true and accurate record.  
CARRIED

## **3. Business arising from meeting of 5 July 2011:**

### **3.1 CFNSW**

Chairman reported on discussions with the Chairman of CFNSW, Tony Rogic.

**ACTION:** Chairman

### **2.2 Co-operative Education**

It was noted that a visit by Chris Cooper in November 2011 to conduct workshops had not been finalised but that the Chairman was actively contacting co-operatives to enable the visit to proceed.

**ACTION:** Chairman

There was discussion on the meeting with Ken Pickering and the possible invitation for Mervyn Wilson to visit Australia to address the AMI conference on 3 March 2011.

**ACTION:** Secretary

### **2.3 CAV**

The Chairman reported that he had met with John Unknovitch on 1 September 2011.

**ACTION:** Chairman

## **2.4 Co-operatives Australia**

It was noted that that there would be a Co-operatives Australia conference call on 23 September 2011.

**ACTION:** Chairman

## **2.5 Co-operatives National Law**

It was noted that Fair Trading NSW was still expecting that the CNL Bill would be introduced into the NSW Parliament this year – for adoption by other States in 2012.

**ACTION:** Secretary

## **2.6 International Year of Co-operatives**

It was noted that as part of IYC 2012 the Co-op Start Up Manual was being revised and updated with a national focus and that the initiative for this had come from Graeme Charles who wrote the original Manual in 2001.

**ACTION:** Chairman

## **3. Financial Statements**

The Treasurer tabled the financial reports:

Profit and Loss 1 July 2010 – 30 June 2011 and Balance Sheet 30 June 2011

Profit and Loss 1 July – 5 September 2011 and Balance Sheet 5 September 2011

That the financial reports be accepted.

CARRIED

## **4. Other Matters**

### **4.1 Hepburn Wind**

That Hepburn Wind be admitted to membership.

CARRIED

### **4.3 Tasmanian Co-operatives**

The work of the Chairman and Secretary with Tasmanian co-operatives was noted.

**ACTION:** Chairman and Secretary

### **4.4 Rules and Number of Directors**

It was agreed to change the Rules to allow for the number of directors to increase to up to eight with

up to two independent directors as this would allow Murray Goulburn and Tasmanian co-operative representatives to join the board.

**ACTION:** Chairman and Secretary

#### **4.5 Web Sites**

The Secretary and Chairman reported on upgrading the web sites – including the development of a new web site <http://www.tasmania2012.coop> for the Tasmanian co-operatives.

The work on upgrading the web sites was noted.

That the board ratify the upgrading of the web sites.

CARRIED

**ACTION:** Secretary

#### **4.6 Board Meetings**

David Dinning to check with MECU for future board meetings.

**ACTION:** David Dinning

### **5. Future Meetings**

15 November 2011 (also AGM date)

Prepared by David Griffiths: 25 September 2011

Approved by Chairman: 25 September 2011

Emailed to directors: 25 September 2011

Snail mailed to directors: 26 September 2011